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SUBJECT: SURINAM FISHERIES REGULATIONS

REF: GEORGETOWN 1234

1. UPON RECEIPT OF REFTEL, EMBASSY ASKED ACTING DIRECTOR OF MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY, AND FISHERIES, LIONARONS FOR CONFIRMATION OF CURRENT GOS POLICY AND PRACTICE ON FOREIGN-BASED BOATS OPERATING OFF THE COAST OF SURINAM. LIONARONS CONFIRMED THAT AS OF NOW SURINAM CLAIMS ONLY THREE-MILE TERRITORIAL ZONE, WHERE ANY FOREIGN-BASED BOAT MUST HAVE PERMISSION TO FISH.

2. AT SAME TIME, LIONARONS SAID THAT GOS IS WORKING ON A LAW TO IMPLEMENT A 200-MILE ZONE, WHICH GOS HAS ANNOUNCED ITS INTENTION TO ENACT THIS YEAR. LIONARONS SAID HE HOPES LAW WILL BE READY AND PASSED BY PARLIAMENT BY THE END OF JULY. HE EXPECTS THAT TWO NEW HIGH SEAS PATROL BOATS WHICH WERE BUILT IN THE NETHERLANDS AND HAVE RECENTLY ARRIVED IN MARIBO WILL BE PUT INTO SERVICE AT ABOUT THE SAME TIME TO POLICE THE ZONE.

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3. LIONARONS HIMSELF NOTED THAT GUYANA IS IN THE PROCESS OF ENACTING A 200-MILE ZONE BUT SAID HE HAS SO FAR NOT HEARD ANYTHING OFFICIAL FROM THE GOOG. HE ALSO SAID THAT THE GOS HAS NOT OFFICIALLY ADVISED THE GOG OF ITS INTENTIONS.

4. COMMENT: OVER THE PAST YEAR, THERE HAVE BEEN SEVERAL INSTANCES OF GUYANESE BOATS ARRENTED FOR ALLEGED FISHING IN

SURINAM'S TERRITORIAL WATERS. AS A RESULT, FINES HAVE BEEN
LEVIED AGAINST GUYANESE FISHERMEN AND SOME BOATS CONFISCATED.
WE WOULD EXPECT THAT SIMILAR ACTION WILL CONTINUE TO BE TAKEN
AGAINST ANY BOATS CAUGHT ILLEGALLY IN THE THREE-MILE TERRI-
TORIAL WATERS OFF SURINAM. WE WOULD ALSO ANTICIPATE THAT
WHEN SURINAM IMPLEMENTS ITS 200-MILE ZONE, MEASURES WILL BE
TAKEN TO CONTROL FISHING IN THAT ZONE IN LINE WITH THOSE
TAKEN BY OTHER COUNTRIES INCLUDING U.S.

5. ALTHOUGH EMBASSY HAS NO OBJECTION TO THE ABOVE INFORMATION
BEING INFORMALLY PASSED TO U.S.-FLAG VESSELS OPERATING OUT
OF GUYANA, WE BELIEVE THIS SHOULD NOT BE DONE OFFICIALLY TO
GOG. WE WOULD NOT WANT TO FIND OURSELVES IN THE POSITION OF
INFORMING THE GOG OF GOS INTENTIONS OR VICE VERSA NOR SHOULD
WE ASSUME ANY RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE COMMUNICATIONS WHICH
SHOULD BE CONDUCTED DIRECTLY BY THE TWO PARTIES CONCERNED.
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